

first, second, and third inputs of the continuous-time
interpolation filter [(2)].

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-7 have been amended for formal reasons in response to the Examiner's rejection in paragraph 1 of the present Office Action and to better conform to U.S. practice by deletion of the alphanumeric designations associated with the claimed elements. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 1-7 fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112; reconsideration and removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the specification, the Abstract has been deleted and a new Abstract has been added which conforms with the requirements stated in the MPEP and which eliminates the unnecessary alphanumeric designations associated with each of the elements. The specification has also been amended to include the proper designation of the reference "C-DIT-1230" as --U.S. Patent Number 4,760,542--. The attorney docket number was inadvertently used in place of the patent number. Note that the foreign patent application EPO 96119505.4 from which the present application claims priority, included the above designation (as well as the

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European counterpart EP 0 181 953 A). Patent number 4,760,542, also assigned to Deutsche ITT Industries GmbH, the assignee herein, was cited by the Examiner on form PTO-892 (Rev. 9-96) and thus has been considered. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that a supplemental IDS is not necessary.

CONCLUSION

For all of the reasons discussed herein, Applicant submits that all of claims 1-7 presently appearing in this application are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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